

To drop the requirement for Morse code is like telling a child, well you have television to view right now so you no longer have the requirement to read or another individual, well you have calculators so you have no need to know how to do mathematics by hand. Radio is a hobby that has helped spawn many technological advances in the overall field of communications. The basic requirement of having to know a few characters of the original language is not the greatest obstacle unless the individual seeking to use the HF bands wants to make it one for themselves. Morse code should be retained as the one language that knows no barriers of speech for the entire world to communicate as one regardless of language of the individual country. If the technician class of license wants to use the HF bands let them upgrade their license through proper testing for the General license including the requirement for Morse Code.